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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PCAT, SHUM, PA
SUBJECT: ARMS TRANSFERS TO PARAGUAY

STATE 306763

1. REGARDING QUESTION OF APPROVING SALES TO PARAGUAYAN POLICE FORCES, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE ADOPT A POLICY OF REFUSING ALL SALES TO PARAGUAYAN POLICE. ELEMENTS OF THE POLICE CONTINUE TO BE THE MAIN VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS USING TORTURE AND ILLEGAL DETENTION UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE STATE OF SIEGE. EMBASSY BELIEVES ADOPTING A POLICY OF NO SALES TO THE POLICE WOULD PROVIDE A MESSAGE OF USG CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AIMED AT THAT PART OF THE GOP MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED. IF POLICY IS ADOPTED, EMBASSY REQUESTS IT BE AUTHORIZED TO COMMUNICATE DECISION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SO THAT MESSAGE WILL REACH GOP AND REINFORCE THOSE WITHIN GOP WHO ARE LOOKING TO IMPROVE PARAGUAY'S IMAGE IN THIS AREA.

2. ON USE OF FY 1976 FMS CREDITS, EMBASSY BELIEVES WHILE IT IS IN US INTEREST TO CONTINUE FMS PROGRAM AS TIE WITH PARAGUAYAN MILITARY

WE BELIEVE IT OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE THAT WE NOT SEND ANY SIGNAL THAT COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, WE ADVOCATE
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DENYING THESE FMC CREDITS.

3. THE ODC HERE NATURALLY DOES NOT WISH TO SEE THESE CREDITS DISAPPEAR. AMBASSADOR HAS AUTHORIZED THEM TO EXPLAIN TO THEIR MILITARY COUNTERPARTS THAT IF THE GOP SETS DATE FOR IAHRG BEFORE DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE, WE WILL RECONSIDER THE DENIAL.

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